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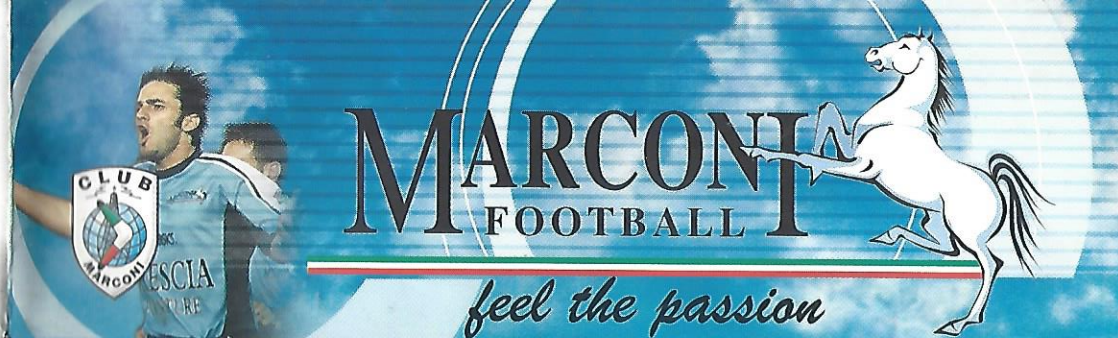


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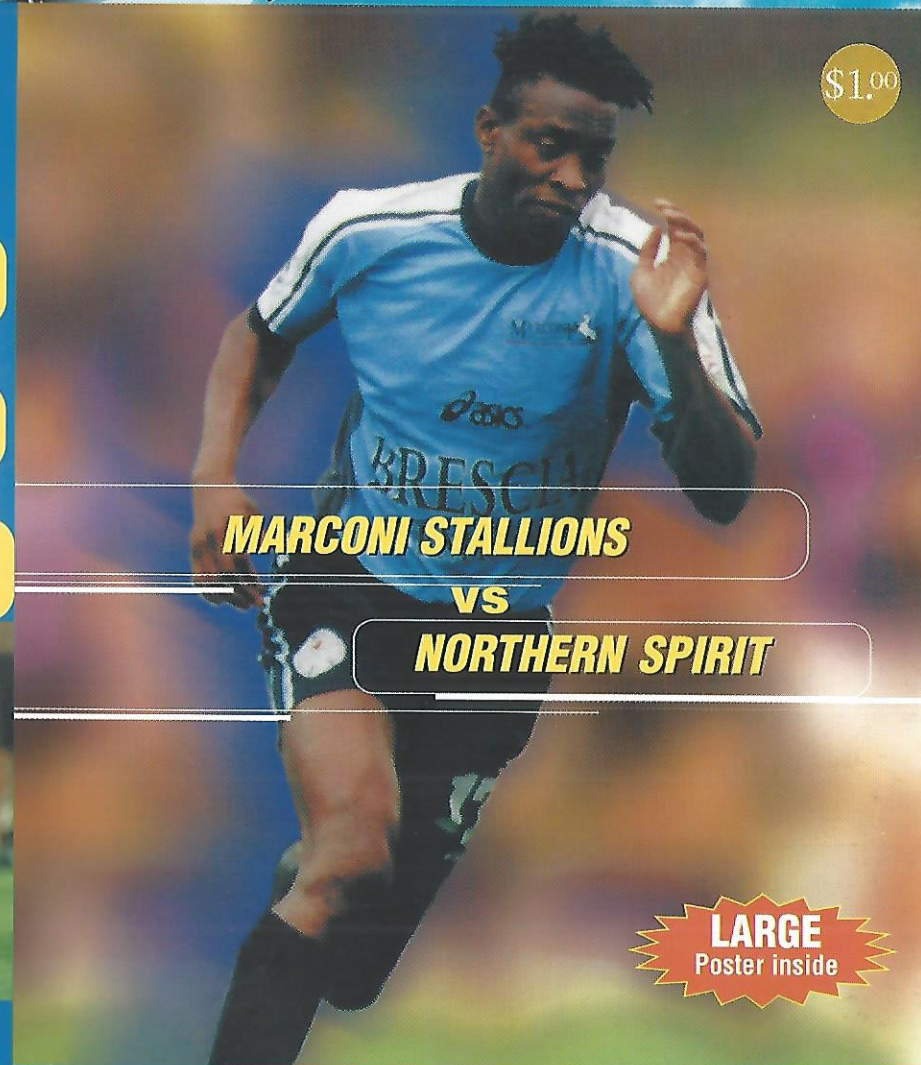
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Prophesies of the N.S.L.

As stated in our previous editorial of 'Marconi Football': "A week may be a long time in politics, but it's an absolute eternity in football". Prophetic or basic common sense, either way the relative fortunes of many teams have changed significantly since our last issue.

As we look at the competition ladder (as at the end of Round 27) we note that several teams out of favour a fortnight ago have now loomed as 'dark horses'. Of course with a minimum of seven games still to be played before the semi-finals, mathematical calculations are being equated by every team still with a sniff at qualifying. As we approach these vital final games of the season, the next issue of 'Marconi Football' will feature the final five games of each semi-final aspirant.

As for our very own ambitions, our immediate recent victories over the competition leaders (Sydney Olympic and Wollongong) respectively, have seen us emerge as serious championship contenders. It is amazing how quickly this bandwagon is populated and then just as rapidly vacated depending upon one single result. It is indicative of the closeness of this competition and another reason why finishing in a top two position is so important to maximising a team's chances at winning the title.

Whilst our previous two games have been very encouraging, we face an extremely difficult fixture tonight against yet another Sydney adversary. Northern Spirit come to Marconi Stadium with much the same record here, as ours is at North Sydney Oval – Yet to win a match.

As with all derby games, it will be played with incredible passion and as has been openly acknowledged by the Spirit Coach Graham Arnold; Marconi matches bring out the very best in his team. This is something we must combat and again raise our level of intensity to maintain our roll towards a top two finish.

Past experiences at Marconi Stadium prove that nothing can be taken for granted in this league. Tonight is a big match and one that could either make or break our season. The past two fine results will count for nothing unless we claim maximum points tonight, so we urge your continued support of the team in our quest to keep our fine home record against Northern Spirit intact.

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There have been times this season when the question has been asked as to whether Marconi really have what it takes to win the championship. Well after our two games I am happy to say that I think that the question has been answered, and the answer is an emphatic and positive one.

There have also been occasions this season when I have been very hard on my players, but nothing but praise for their commitment and effort in our last two games against Sydney Olympic and Wollongong. We probably went into those two games as the underdogs, but I think that those two impressive victories, any hopes we have of being considered underdogs in our remaining fixtures have well and truly gone!

In seven games remaining we sit 2 points off the top place and only 4 points away from being at the top of the table. There is everything to play for, but I don't need reminding that with the intensity of the competition, a lapse in concentration could see us plummet.

I am happy with our past two victories and while there were a morale boosting couple of games, the intensity is getting carried away, and our feet are not as firmly on the ground as we approach tonight's match.

It seems that every time I sit down to write this column, the words "local derby" appear as if by magic! We have certainly had our share of local derbies over the past few weeks, with tonight's encounter probably being the match that attracts most interest.

Tonight's game with Northern Spirit promises to be just as intense as our last home fixture against Sydney Olympic, as our visitors would like nothing better than to peg back our championship challenge by recording their first victory at Marconi Stadium. Spirit may be a few rungs below us on the competition ladder, but the formbook means nothing in the white-hot atmosphere of a local derby. If previous games are anything to go by, then I'm sure that there will be a stadium full of satisfied customers at the end of the 90 minutes.

Our visitors from over the Harbour Bridge make no secret of the fact that they tend to raise their game a notch or so when they face Marconi, but the reality is that this is something that the Marconi squad face every week, irrespective of whom our opponents may be. Derby clashes tend to bring out the best in players and I'm sure that we can look forward to an exhilarating battle tonight.



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in of the Marconi Stallions 1999/2000 National Soccer League squad, Brad Maloney offers his views and insights on our team's progress throughout the 1999/2000 season exclusively for "Marconi Football".

think our performances over the past two weeks have shown everyone that we are capable of going all the way in this competition.

I'm the first to admit that there have been especially at home, when we have been ed to win, but have stumbled and let ourselves badly. However, having performed creditably in assive weeks by defeating the two highest placed ncied sides on the competition ladder, Sydney ic and Wollongong, I think we have proven that it comes to "crunch" games we have what it

ometimes the difference between a ionship winning side and the also an be as much about the amount of a side has, as it is about football and I think we have displayed ly that there is no absence of amongst the Marconi squad. r losing the opening goal t Wollongong last week we gave up, and ed to reverse the iffERENCE before the the first half. It was a performance, and rced that there is a ndous amount of fighting n this current Marconi It is this very same itment that will again have on display straight from f in tonight's game, as ern Spirit will be doing hing they can to put a in the wheel of our excellent results.



Previous meetings between Marconi and Spirit have always been very hard fought, close affairs, and I'm sure that it will be a similar story tonight. While many have written off Spirit's hopes of making the top six this season, I'm sure it hasn't escaped the notice of their players that should they win their remaining seven games, then there is every chance that they will be taking part in the championship deciding knockout series.

For our part, our objective is no different...win as many of our remaining 7 games as we can - starting with tonight's fixture. A top two spot is firmly in our sights, and whether we achieve that ambition or not will be decided not by anyone else, but by our own efforts over the closing weeks of the season.

After our consecutive wins over Olympic and

Wollongong confidence within the squad is as high as it has ever been, and it is reassuring to hit top form just as the semi finals are around the corner. The players know that we have everything to play for, and we will be doing everything we can to continue the momentum.

Finally a big word of thanks to our supporters. The backing the team has received from the fans in our last two games has made all the difference, and hopefully we'll give you all something more to cheer about by 8pm tonight.

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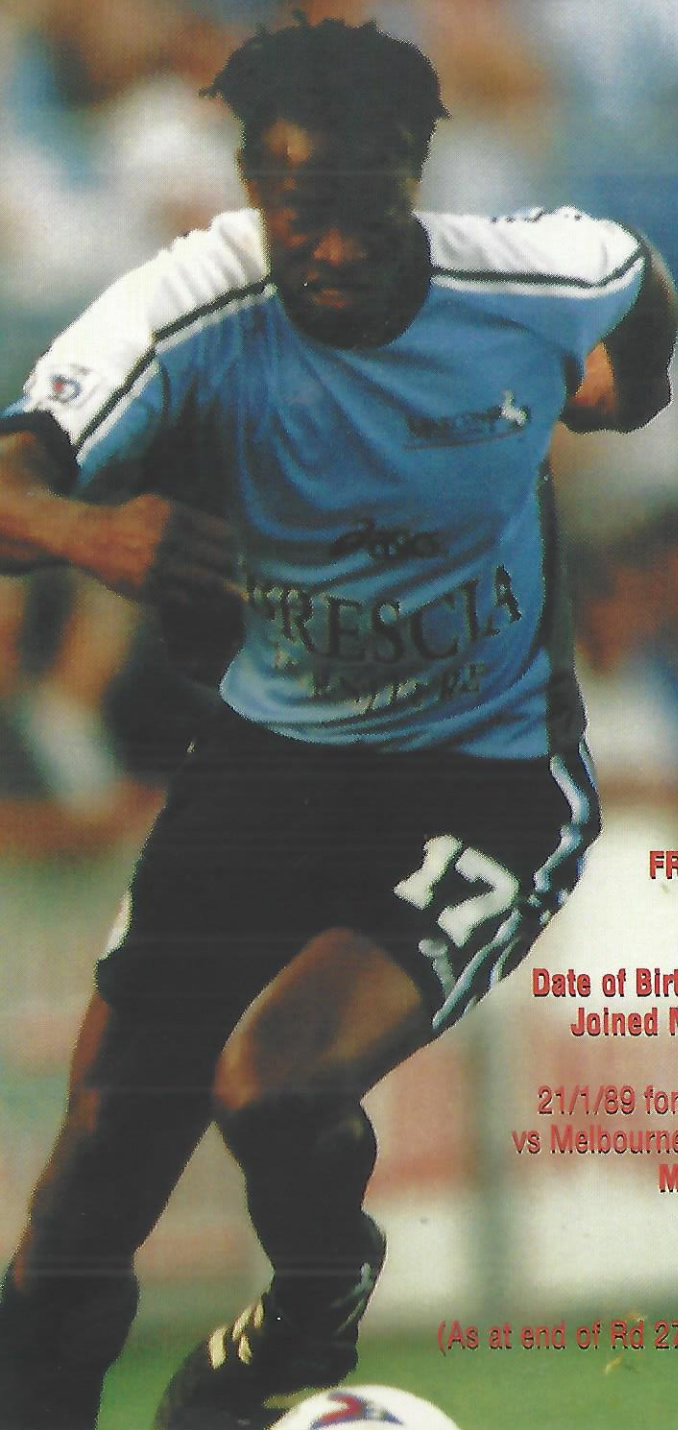
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We look towards this weekend's Round 5 of the 2000 NSW Super Youth League season, we to endure yet another frustrating weekend of torrential rain which washed out all our matches Round 4. We therefore review our Marconi Youth League teams matches from Round 3.

What was an extremely hot Saturday back in Round 3 a fortnight ago, our Youth League teams defied the weather and some of the leagues' toughest opponents when we hosted Blacktown City in our first home games of the season.

The 13s were unlucky to lose 1-0, with the boys playing some imaginative and inspiring soccer. Blacktown scored their only goal after only a few minutes into the first half. Great defence and work from our boys saw Blacktown denied any more goals and the game finished 1-0.

Blacktown City Demons U14s were the champion side of 1999 and a confident and aggressive team. Marconi took up the challenge and played some attacking football, creating many chances. After a goalless first half, Marconi broke the deadlock with an early goal from Andrew Demarco. After numerous attempts Blacktown broke the Marconi defence from a set play and levelled the game. Marconi's hard work was undone with a very late goal by Blacktown, catching Marconi on the counter-attack to win the game in the dying minutes.

In a exciting, seesawing game, our 15s put in solid team work to play one of the tougher teams of the age group. Blacktown had an early lead with a goal in the first five minutes, but after tactical play the score was level at half time thanks to a goal from Andrew Urizar. In the second half, another moment of brilliance from Andrew Urizar saw Marconi take the lead 2-1. With only 10 minutes to go, Marconi scored the dreaded equaliser to level the full-time score 2-2.

What had to be the match of the day, Marconi 16s took the field against last year's grand final winners. This was a hard, tough game played under the extreme heat. The midfield fought hard in exciting encounters and showed excellent self-discipline. Credit to Goalkeeper Andrew Karabetos for an impenetrable defence to finish 0-0.

On Sunday, although the weather had cooled slightly, the action on the field for our Super Cadets was both fast and furious. Both goalkeepers of U11s were tested continuously as each team strived to win the scoring. Blacktown City Demons scored after 40 minutes into the game, and not to be outdone, and testing the theory that it's not over until the fat lady sings, a last-minute goal from McGowan saw the Marconi boys level the line finish at 1-1.

Regarding another theory that "it's never over", the Under 12s were not as unlucky as the losing side of 2-3 didn't reflect the level of soccer these boys played. This group of boys did not give up and battled against opposition tirelessly. Their dedication was rewarded with a goal for Marconi which came from Anthony Tran and Louis Ma.



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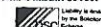
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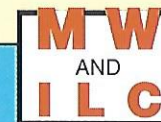
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the sideline view

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A YOUNG MAN IN NO HURRY

Marconi goalkeeper Michael Turnbull remembers his debut for the Stallions vividly, albeit not for the most pleasant of reasons! Called in to replace the suspended David Aceski, the then 19-year-old was pitchforked into an emotional derby with Sydney United at Edensor Park on a very wet and windswept October afternoon in 1995.

Michael calls Michael. "It was pretty much the worst start I could have imagined! In the first five minutes we had a corner against us, and I went out to try and punch the ball clear. Unfortunately because it was so wet the ball bounced off my glove and went straight up in the air and came down on Dominic Longo's head and I ended up in the back of our net. I just wanted the game to start again!"

Such a horrendous start would shake the confidence of many a young player, but Michael went on to make a string of superb saves later in the day, which more than atoned for his early error. Anyone who may have doubted his ability as a result of the first few minutes that stormy day would have been firmly won over, as the young Marconi custodian continues to consistently excel as the club's last line of defence.

The Brisbane born and bred teenager started his footballing journey in the sunshine state as a young boy, but ending up between the sticks one day when he was nine years old, discovered that he liked it, and has remained there ever since. It has been a long and winding road that has eventually led to Michael ending up at Bossley Park. Having done thousands of hours of the various youth representative footballs in his native Queensland, Michael was named to the Brisbane Strikers and the Queensland Institute of Sport, before he moved to New South Wales to take up residence at the hallowed Australian Institute of Sport for two and half years. It was from the AIS that the club signed

Michael, in what has been a very astute piece of business.

Michael didn't wait long until he was elevated from youth league to national league, but the level headed nineteen year old was never overawed by the step up in grade. Commenting on the difference in standards between youth and national league level, Michael said: "Playing in the national league the difference is maybe not as huge as one would expect. There is no doubt that the game is a lot faster, and the pressure is more intense, but probably the biggest difference is the physical aspect of the game."

If any opposing forwards may have thought that Michael was to be an easy touch and capable of being intimidated in his early NSL appearances, then they were to be disappointed. The youngster quickly proving that he was more than capable of absorbing anything that was to be thrown his way. While it has been known for the sweet smell of success to quickly go to the head of many a youthful 'star,' Michael is one young footballer that has his feet firmly planted on the ground. He is hesitant to discuss the chances of him being called into the Australian 'Olyroo' squad in time for the Sydney Olympics, as has been suggested by a couple of media outlets, preferring his actions on the football park to do any talking for him.

"It is not something I think about all the time, but obviously I'm aware the Olympics are just around the corner, and like any young player I'd love to play in them. But all I can really do is to do my best on the park for Marconi and hope that I do enough to come to notice. It would be brilliant if I was chosen, but at the end of the day, I'm still very young compared to the other players in the 'Olyroo' squad and I won't be heartbroken if it doesn't happen."

The game of soccer in Australia is littered with "young men in a hurry" who have perhaps made

unwise and hasty career choices whenever an overseas contract has been dangled in front of their eyes, but speaking to Michael one is left with the distinct impression that this is one young man who will not be guilty of making any ill thought out career moves.

"Sure, if any overseas offers come in then obviously I'll think about them, but I really wouldn't mind staying in Australia for another season after this one. I'm still fairly young and I'm in no rush to go to Europe." While that is obviously good news for Marconi fans, it also displays a refreshing attitude that perhaps some other young NSL hopefuls throughout Australia would do well to take on board.

Michael's current focus is firmly on helping Marconi to championship glory, and the young custodian is optimistic about our prospects. "We have been accused of playing a little hot and cold some times this season, and probably that criticism is justified, but I think we have shown in our last two games against Olympic and Wollongong what we are capable of. When we play to our full ability I don't think that there is a team in the league who we can't beat, and I think we are starting to hit our peak at the right time of the season. There is a tremendous fighting spirit in the squad, and I think we are capable of doing really well."



No doubt one day in a few years time we will be tuning in our televisions to watch with pride, Michael Turnbull playing in one of Europe's top leagues, but if Michael's game plan goes the way he sees it, then he'll be around Bossley park for a while yet - and that suits us just fine.



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15	1/3/2000	H	Parramatta Power	0-2	38	5th	NO MARCONI SCORER	3,319	Via	PS	P	p	#	P	I	SP	P	I	SP	p	I	SP	p	I	PS	#	SP	p	P	#	PS	P	#	Via	Via	
16	16/1/2000	H	Canberra Cosmos	2-3	23	7th	Duric 35m, Z. Babic 63m	3,932	P	P	YL	P	I	I	PS	P	p	p	p	p	sp	I	PS	I	SP	PS	YL	YL	SP	P	I	YL	YL	#		
17	22/1/2000	A	Brisbane Strikers	0-1	26	7th	Trajanovski 37m	3,900	P	P	P	P	P	I	PS	P	I	S	P	P	YL	P	I	B	SP	YL	YL	PS	P	I	YL	YL	#			
18	26/1/2000	H	Brisbane Strikers	2-0	29	5th	Duric 77m, Zoric 92m	3,828	P	P	P	P	P	#	I	P	P	PS	P	P	ps	#	SP	I	#	SP	#	#	PS	SP	I	#	#			
19	28/1/2000	A	Adelaide Force	2-2	30	5th	Care 5m, Z. Babic 85m	4,828	P	P	P	P	p	#	P	S	p	Rp	PS	PS	P	YL	SP	I	YL	SP	YL	YL	PS	P	I	YL	YL	#		
20	6/2/2000	H	Perth Glory	1-1	31	7th	Maloney 50m	4,597	P	P	P	P	P	#	p	S	P	ps	PS	P	SP	P	I	S	SP	YL	YL	PS	SP	YL	YL	YL	#			
21	13/2/2000	A	Carlton	1-1	32	7th	Trajanovski 55m	2,124	P	p	P	P	#	p	P	S	SP	P	PS	S	SP	P	PS	p	YL	YL	YL	#	p	PS	YL	YL	#			
22	20/2/2000	H	Sydney United	2-0	36	5th	McDonald 67m, Karl 80m	6,120	Via	P	P	P	P	#	S	SP	I	#	PS	P	P	PS	PS	YL	SP	SP	p	#	p	PS	YL	Via	Via			
23	27/2/2000	A	South Melbourne	1-2	36	5th	Care 25m, Own Goal 77m	6,128	Via	P	P	P	P	#	SP	P	I	PS	p	SP	P	PS	P	I	PS	YL	SP	p	p	p	YL	Via	Via			
24	5/3/2000	H	Newcastle Breakers	1-1	39	5th	Awaritefe 82m	3,409	Via	P	P	P	P	#	SP	P	I	PS	P	SP	I	P	S	I	SP	PS	S	p	p	P	YL	Via	Via			
25	10/3/2000	A	Northern Spirit	2-1	39	6th	Invincible 83m	4,384	P	P	P	P	P	#	PS	I	#	p	p	p	p	I	SP	ps	SP	YL	#	SP	P	YL	YL	#				
26	19/3/2000	H	Sydney Olympic	3-1	42	5th	Awaritefe 20m, O.G. 87m, Z. Babic 92m	6,013	P	P	P	p	P	P	PS	I	p	p	PS	P	Rp	I	YL	PS	YL	SP	YL	YL	SP	YL	YL	YL	YL	#		
27	26/3/2000	A	Wollongong Wolves	1-2	45	4th	Awaritefe 35m, Z. Babic 45m	7,338	P	P	P	P	P	P	PS	I	PS	p	p	P	Rp	#	PS	I	SP	YL	#	SP	SP	YL	YL	YL	YL	#		
28	2/4/2000	H	Northern Spirit															S				#														
29	7/4/2000	A	Kingz FC															S				#														
30	16/4/2000	H	Gippsland Falcons																			#														
31	22/4/2000	H	Perth Glory																			#														
32	25/4/2000	A	Melbourne Knights																			#														
33	30/4/2000	H	Adelaide Force																			#														
34	7/5/2000	A	Canberra Cosmos																			#														

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B = Benchd

I = Injured

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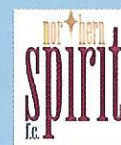
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MARCONI STALLIONS vs NORTHERN SPIRIT



Sunday 2nd April, 2000

Round 28 – 1999/2000 National Soccer League

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TURNBULL Michael < 1 >
GIBSON Chad < 2 >
BABIC Mark < 3 >
LONGO Dominic < 5 >
KIM Pan-Keun < 6 >
CARE Christian < 7 >
MCDONALD Darren < 8 >
BABIC Zeljko < 9 >
MALONEY Brad < 10 >
SMITH Mike < 11 >
INVINCIBLE Danny < 13 >
FARAH Buddy < 14 >
DI GIA' Pierluigi < 15 >
AWARITEFE Francis < 17 >
KARL Harry < 18 >
RENAUD Brendan < 19 >
ACESKI David < 20 >
MARCHESINI Paolo < 21 >
TRAJANOVSKI Kris < 22 >
ZORIC Vlado < 23 >
JUNIOR SAUTURAGA Josaia < 24 >
SEVERINO Daniel < 26 >

EDDIE KRNEVIC < COACH >

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Matthew LANGDON
Matthew BINGLEY
Mark RUDAN
Luke CASSERLY
Robbie SLATER
Tony PERINICH
David SEAL
Nicola BERTI
Troy CRANNEY
Simon CATANZARO
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1999/2000 SEASON LEAGUE MEETINGS

10th March, 2000 - Round 25 (1999/2000 N.S.L.): AWAY LOSS 2 - 1
3rd December, 1999 - Round 10 (1999/2000 N.S.L.): AWAY LOSS 1 - 0
13th November, 1999 - Round 07 (1999/2000 N.S.L.): HOME WIN 1 - 0



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1999/2000 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

As at End of Round 27 – 29th March, 2000

TEAMS	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	HOME	AWAY	PAST 4 RESULTS	GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED	POINTS	GOAL DIFFERENCE	SELF UPDATE	
												POINTS	POSITION
Perth Glory	27	14	7	6	9-3-1	5-4-5	W L L W	50	36	49	+ 14		
Wollongong Wolves	27	13	8	6	9-1-4	4-7-2	W W D L	56	38	47	+ 18		
Sydney Olympic	27	14	5	8	7-4-2	7-1-6	L W L L	48	31	47	+ 17		
Newcastle Breakers	27	13	7	7	8-4-2	5-3-5	D L L W	39	33	46	+ 6		
Marconi Stallions	27	13	6	8	7-2-4	6-4-4	D L W W	39	33	45	+ 6		
Carlton	27	12	6	9	7-4-3	5-2-6	W W L W	42	32	42	+ 10		
Adelaide City Force	26	10	7	9	7-3-3	3-4-6	W W W W	37	28	37	+ 9		
Brisbane Strikers	27	10	7	10	6-4-4	4-4-5	L L W D	34	31	37	+ 3		
South Melbourne	26	10	6	10	7-3-3	3-3-7	W W L D	40	40	36	0		
Melbourne Knights	27	10	6	11	6-1-5	4-5-6	L W W W	30	43	36	- 13		
Parramatta Power	26	10	5	11	6-4-3	4-1-8	D L W L	42	37	35	+ 5		
Kingz F.C.	26	10	5	11	6-3-4	4-2-7	L W L L	43	48	35	- 5		
Northern Spirit	27	10	3	14	7-2-5	3-1-9	L W L W	33	45	33	- 12		
Gippsland Falcons	27	6	8	13	3-4-6	3-4-7	W L D L	17	33	26	- 16		
Canberra Cosmos	27	6	7	14	4-3-6	2-4-8	L D W L	36	52	25	- 16		
Sydney United	27	4	5	18	4-3-8	0-2-9	L D L W	16	42	17	- 26		

OTHER ROUND 28 MATCHES

DAY 31st MARCH, 2000

Adelaide City Force	vs	Sydney Olympic	at	Hindmarsh Stadium
Canberra Cosmos	vs	Carlton	at	Bruce Stadium
Parramatta Power	vs	South Melbourne	at	Parramatta Stadium

TURSDAY 1st APRIL, 2000

Brisbane Strikers	vs	Newcastle Breakers	at	Suncorp Metway Stadium
Gippsland Falcons	vs	Kingz F.C.	at	Falcons Stadium

FRIDAY 2nd APRIL, 2000

Perth Glory	vs	Sydney United	at	Perth Oval
South Melbourne Knights	vs	Wollongong Wolves	at	Knights Stadium

NEXT HOME MATCH

MARCONI STALLIONS VS GIPPSLAND FALCONS

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL, 2000

KICK OFF: 6:00PM

1999/2000 NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

Northern Division, As at end of Round 27 – 27th March, 2000

*National Youth League Draw: Courtesy Soccer Australia

Position	TEAMS	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOALS SCORED	GOALS CONCEDED	POINTS
1	Parramatta Power	25	19	4	2	78	21	61
2	Northern Spirit (Youth)	25	17	4	4	74	30	55
3	Sydney Olympic (Youth)	25	15	5	5	68	32	50
4	Australian Institute of Sport	26	15	3	8	81	37	48
5	Queensland Academy of Sport	23	14	2	7	67	38	44
6	Newcastle Breakers (Youth)	22	14	1	7	42	25	43
7	MARCONI STALLIONS (Youth)	20	12	2	6	51	25	38
8	Sydney United (Youth)	24	12	1	11	41	49	37
9	Wollongong Wolves (Youth)	25	10	5	10	34	37	35
10	ACT Academy of Sport	23	9	6	8	39	43	33
11	Newcastle Breakers (Colts)	24	9	2	13	36	48	29
12	Sydney Olympic (Academy)	24	9	1	14	42	76	28
13	MARCONI STALLIONS (Colts)	24	7	4	13	37	66	25
14	NSW Institute of Sport	22	5	5	12	34	38	20
15	Northern Spirit (Colts)	25	4	6	15	25	58	18
16	Sydney United (Colts)	22	3	3	16	22	54	12
17	Wollongong Wolves (Colts)	23	0	2	21	12	108	2

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ational youth league report



with

Jean Paul De Marigny (Youth Coach)

and

Sam D'Alessandro (Colts Coach)



YOUTH TEAM

Well we always thought it would take a few weeks to get back in the swing of things after Viareggio, and so it has proven to be. Although we have only played two games for two draws, there have been some encouraging signs that augur well for our anticipated progress towards the semi-final positions.

It must be remembered that only the top four teams progress to the playoffs in the National Youth League, so we have to start putting some wins together to guarantee this position by Round 34.

Last weekend's performance against the Wollongong Wolves Youth team at Brandon Park was of real character. After being down a goal at half time, the lads never gave up and equalised with 10 minutes to play. Only luck prevented us from securing all three points so we have looked forward to facing Northern Spirit Youth at Christie Park yesterday, to make the lads.

Accordingly, we are all looking forward to tonight's big derby match, hopefully with the first win of Marconi 'Quinella' over our Northern rivals, safe in our hands.

MARCONI YOUTH SQUAD

Goalkeepers - No.40

- 40 Daniel Schwarzer
- 40 Adrian Fabrianese
- 40 Tim West
- 31 Luke Flynn
- 32 Daniel Severino
- 33 Anthony Mondello
- 34 Con Exarhos
- 35 Michael Beauchamp
- 36 Ryan Manente
- 37 Frank DaRoit
- 38 Todd Brodie
- 39 Grant Last
- 41 Nathan Rivera
- 42
- 43 Josh Jackett
- 44 Saso Trajceviski
- 45 Nelson McLaughlin
- 46 Kevo Gulesserian
- 47 Erick Anabalon
- 48 Daniel Lettieri
- 49 Aaron Bennet
- 50 Nathan Rivera
- 51 Anthony Hartshorn

• A maximum of four (4) overage players permitted per match

• Eligible aged players must be born after 1st January, 1981

COLTS TEAM

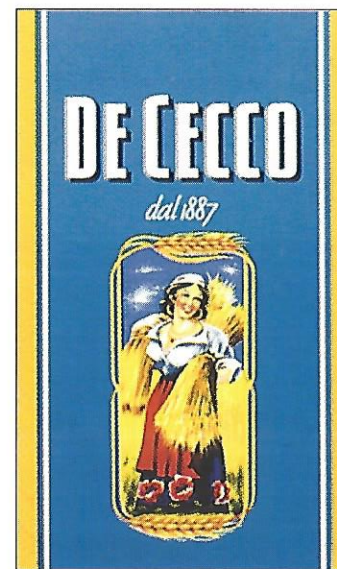
Last weekend's solid victory over our Wollongong equivalent was a hard fought affair. Although I am very happy with a victory, we have played much better football this season.

A case in point was our loss to the competition leaders Parramatta Power two weeks ago. We dominated the opening half and playing great football, the more experienced Power team took their chances to again see us depart a game with nothing to show for our efforts.

We have a bye round this weekend so the lads can sit back and enjoy tonight's big derby clash in the NSL.



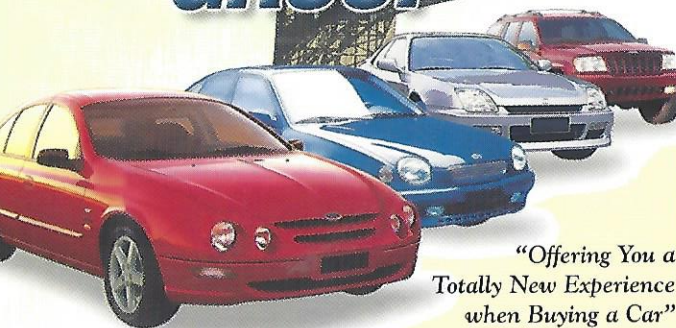
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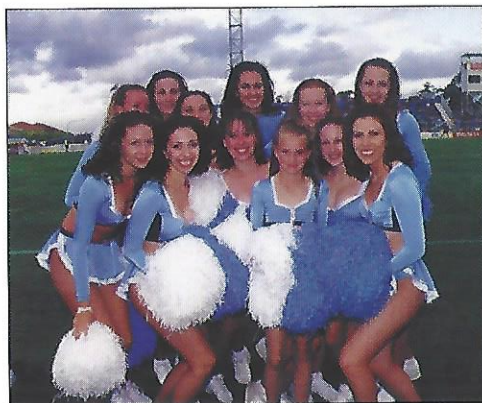
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ME A BOW STALLIONETTES

past two home games have been played in horrendous conditions. True "Marconi Sunday in the rain conditions" as we have come to love and love! One thing though, has stood out as a beacon in a grey sea of driving rain, and that is the performance of the Stallionettes. These young ladies have been everything we expect of a professional team and more with their smiling faces, poise, professionalism shining through the rain clouds under which they have recently performed with such aplomb. Lord knows it didn't have been easy for them, but the Stallionettes take a bow. Your enthusiasm and performance are absolutely deserving of praise. Definitely deserving of better weather!

by: A. Lucas - Sydney



ORIGINAL 1999/2000 FIXTURE LADDER - As at the end of Round 27.

Interestingly, the following is the ladder that gets produced with the deletion of the "extra" games; as a consequence of the team which would have had the bye in the 17-team League, playing team due to have played the withdrawn Sharks. (WHEW!!!) The extra games mean that this season's competition is a little irregular as each team plays each other team twice (as is common in most leagues), but also plays four additional games - two each against two other sides. When these additional games' results are deleted from the playing record of teams, here are the standings:

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	G/D
Perth Glory	24	12	7	5	43	34	43	+9
Wollongong Wolves	23	12	6	5	58	28	42	+20
Marconi Stallions	24	12	6	6	37	30	42	+7
Carlton	25	11	6	8	37	30	39	+7
Newcastle Breakers	23	11	6	6	33	27	39	+6
Sydney Olympic	23	11	4	8	30	30	37	0
Brisbane Strikers	24	10	6	8	32	27	36	+5
South Melbourne	24	9	5	10	41	34	32	+7
Melbourne Knights	24	9	5	10	27	36	32	-9
Adelaide City	22	8	7	7	31	24	31	+7
Kingz F.C.	22	9	4	9	36	38	31	-2
Parramatta Power	23	9	3	11	38	34	30	+4
Northern Spirit	23	8	2	13	28	41	26	-13
Gippsland Falcons	24	5	6	13	14	31	21	-17
Canberra Cosmos	23	6	7	10	30	36	25	-6
Sydney United	25	4	4	17	14	39	16	-25

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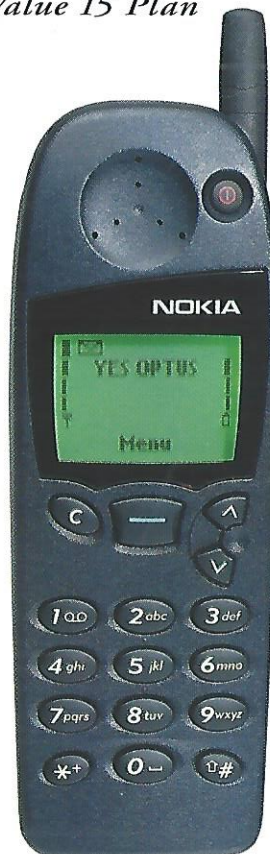
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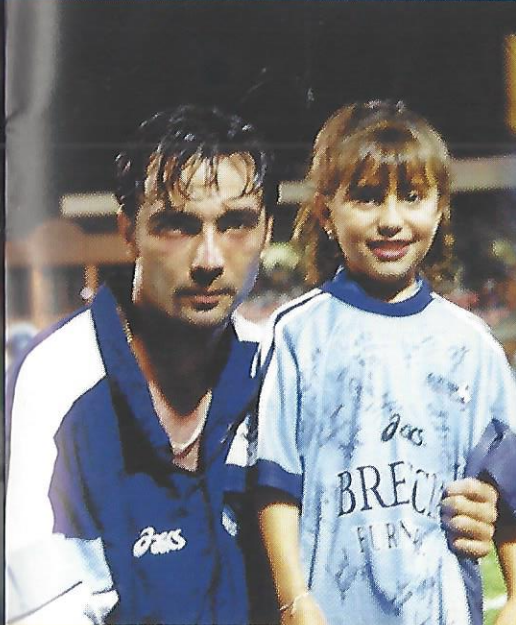
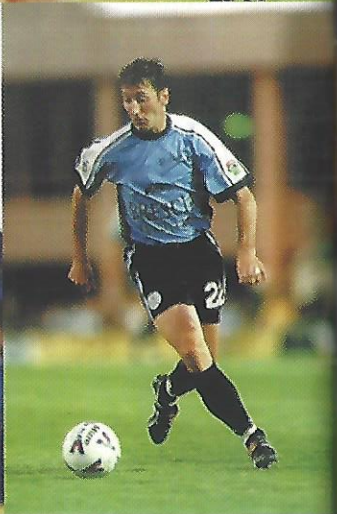
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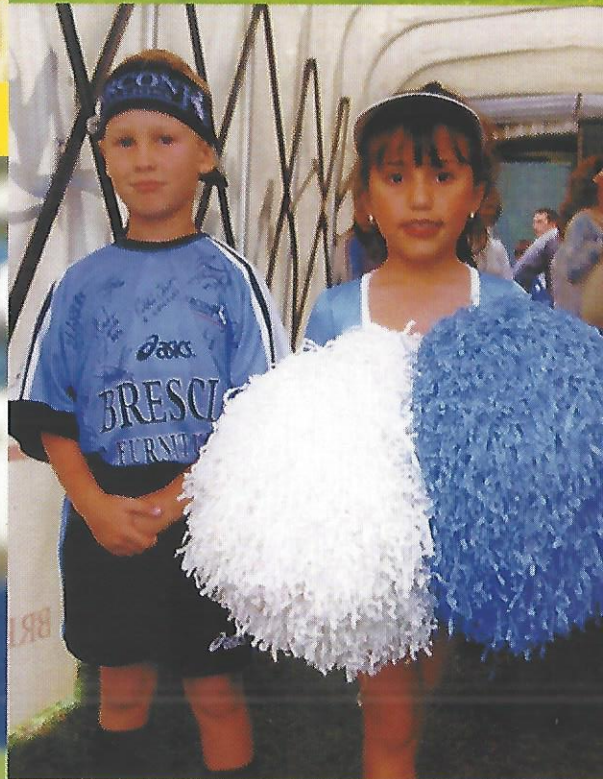
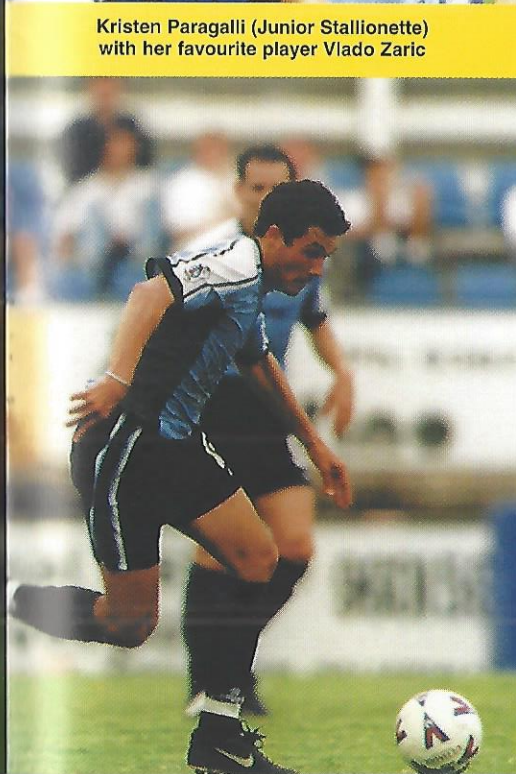
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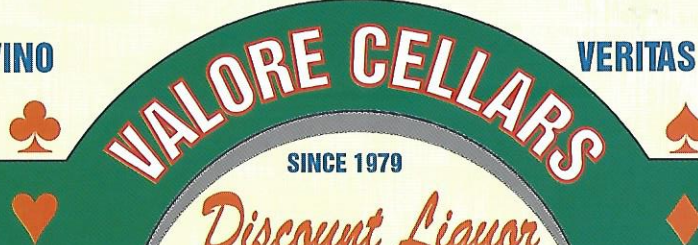


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by Andrew Howe

SUPER STRIKER – Own Goals

Although the season's 13th OWN GOAL was scored by Canberra (for Newcastle) last Tuesday night, making it six own goals in the past three weeks, it's still a long way off the all-time record for most own goals in one season.

- In the 1978 league (the second season of the N.S.L.), a record 23 of a total of 532 goals were classified as own goals. A rate of 4.3 own goals per hundred.
- Up until the start of round 28, there were 13 own goals out of a total of 602 - that's 2.2 Own Goals per hundred goals.

TOP FIVE HIGHEST OWN-GOAL SEASONS

Season	Own Goals	All goals	Rate (per 100)
1978	23	532	4.3
1984	19	969	2.0
1983	19	638	3.0
92/93	18	554	3.2
89/90	17	513	3.3

- With four own goals being credited to Marconi so far in 1999/2000, 'Own Goal' is the third highest scorer for the Stallions this season; behind Sean Babic (nine goals) and Kris Trajanovski (six).
- The Stallions have attained Four Own Goals twice previously - in seasons 1978 and 1993/94.
- As have the following clubs: Sydney City (1978), Brisbane City (1983), Blacktown (89/90), Adelaide Sharks (89/90), Canberra (95/96) and Newcastle (96/97).
- Historically, no team has 'scored' more than four own goals in a N.S.L. season.
- The Stallions have conceded two Own Goals in a season on Seven occasions (1977, 1980, 1983, 1987, 90/91, 92/93 and 95/96).

UPCOMING STALLION MILESTONES

- Zeljko Babic needs another 10 games to claim his century in Marconi colours.
- Mike Smith needs another 7 games to claim his century in Marconi colours.
- Francis Awaritefe needs another 7 games to claim his triple century of career games in the National Soccer League.

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Club Marconi is the 2000 Australian Corporate Games Soccer Champions after defeating A.G.C. in a penalty shoot-out in the Grand Final. A total of 123 teams entered the tournament and matches were played over two x 15 minute halves.

In its inaugural entry into this prestigious tournament, the Stallions won all three of their preliminary matches on Saturday afternoon against very good opposition. Marconi faced last year's champions Star City in their first ever match and were victorious 3 - 0. Subsequently, News Limited were defeated 1 - 0 and Instep 2 - 1. With this stage successfully completed, the Stallions qualified for the knockout stage of the tournament on Sunday. The results were as follows:

2nd Round: vs Westpac WON 3 - 2

Quarter Final: vs Optus WON 2 - 0

3rd Round: vs A.M.P. WON 1 - 0

Semi-Final: vs Westfields WON 1 - 0

GRAND FINAL vs A.G.C. WON 2 - 2 (4 - 3 ON PENALTIES)

The Grand Final seemed out of reach of the gallant Marconi team when A.G.C. took an early 2 - 0 lead. However, when Anthony Budini scored with 10 minutes to play, the Stallions were right back into the game. Fernando Pellegrino converted from the penalty spot just five minutes later to level the scores at fulltime.

With both teams having played a total of eight matches in less than two days, the match mercifully went straight into a penalty shoot out contest. It was here that goalkeeper Robbie Owens-Russo performed his heroics with two sensational penalty saves to win the match and tournament for Club Marconi. Fittingly, it was former Marconi and Socceroo midfielder Tom McCulloch who slotted home the winning penalty, bringing back memories of the club's National Soccer League triumph under the same circumstances back in 1988.



CLUB MARCONI STALLIONS CORPORATE GAMES SQUAD

Tom McCulloch (Capt.):
Merchandise Store Manager
Anthony Crea: N.S.L. Physical Conditioner
Mark D'Alessandro: General Club Personnel
Anthony Budini: Doorman
Sam Stanzione: Rostering Officer
Mick Mannah: Doorman
Carmello Orlando: Barman

Gabriel Salinas: Barman
Wayne Dunn: Member & Drinker
Jason King: Member & Drinker
Fernando Pellegrino: General Club Personnel
Sandro Magliarachi: Maintenance & Doorman
Livio Sartoretto: Finance Manager
Robbie Owens-Russo: Function Staff
Mark Crittenden: N.S.L. Gear Steward

The 2000 Australian Corporate Games Soccer tournament was held at Everly Park and Norford Park in South Granville in Western Sydney, on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March, 2000.

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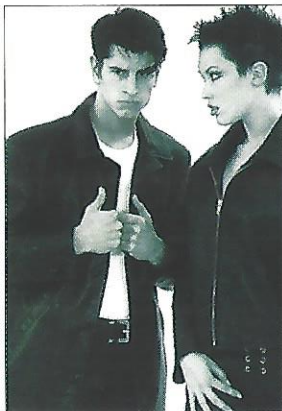
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